

Express Mail Label No.

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
(Large Entity)

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Docket No.
SVEJ 22-4Total Pages in this Submission
72**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

Box Patent Application

Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

SEASONING SYSTEM AND METHOD

and invented by:

David L. Burke, Jonny Fitzgerald, Thomas G. Knodell, Kenneth C. Petri, P. Blake Svejkovsky, and Paul A. Svejkovsky

If a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/641,190

Which is a:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____

Which is a:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____

Enclosed are:

Application Elements**FAX RECEIVED**

DEC 04 2002

1. Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below

2. Specification having 54 pages and including the following: **PETITIONS OFFICE**

- a. Descriptive Title of the Invention
- b. Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
- c. Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
- d. Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
- e. Background of the Invention
- f. Brief Summary of the Invention
- g. Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
- h. Detailed Description
- i. Claim(s) as Classified Below
- j. Abstract of the Disclosure

ELECTRONIC
AVAILABILITY COPY

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
(Large Entity)

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Docket No.
SVEJ 22-4Total Pages in this Submission
72**Application Elements (Continued)**

3. Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
a. Formal Number of Sheets 9
b. Informal Number of Sheets _____

4. Oath or Declaration
a. Newly executed (original or copy) Unexecuted
b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
c. With Power of Attorney Without Power of Attorney
d. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under
Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby
incorporated by reference therein.

6. CD ROM or CD-R In duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

7. Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all must be included)
a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
ii. Paper
c. Statement(s) Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

Accompanying Application Parts

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

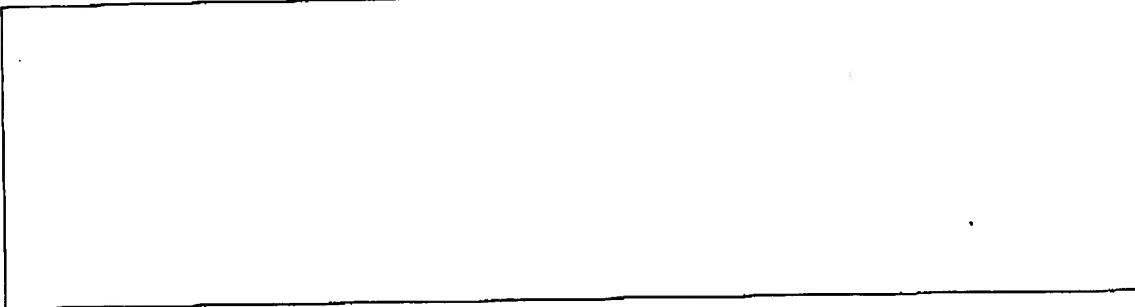
13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Certificate of Mailing
 First Class Express Mail (Specify Label No.): _____

EFT AVAILABLE COPY

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
(Large Entity)***(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))*Docket No.
SVEJ 22-4Total Pages in this Submission
72**Accompanying Application Parts (Continued)**17. Additional Enclosures (please identify below):
**Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)**18. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.**Warning**

An applicant who makes a request not to publish, but who subsequently files in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement specified in 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i), must notify the Director of such filing not later than 45 days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. A failure of the applicant to provide such notice within the prescribed period shall result in the application being regarded as abandoned, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Director that the delay in submitting the notice was unintentional.